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6. During the same period Kesanovic conferred twice with Tito at Brioni, at which time he pointed out:
- The United States was not opposed to aiding the present Yugoslav regime but only asked for certain economic guarantees, and the cessation of anti-United States propaganda.
 - Yugoslavia must do nothing deliberate to antagonize the Soviets or the United States, but maintain the status quo until an accord is reached between the East and West. The accord is certain to materialize through the mediation of the British who desire to avoid armed intervention in Europe at any cost.
 - The United States and the Soviet Union will not go to war over Yugoslavia.
 - Yugoslavia should observe carefully the present policies of the British, which, economically and politically, are today in a comparable position to those of Yugoslavia with the United States. A current, clear-cut commercial accord with the British should be used as the basis for future political agreements.
7. Kesanovic presented his personal position and opinion as follows:

"I am being reprimanded for being the leader of a group of diplomats and government officials who seek to link Yugoslavia with the West. The accusation is true in part, but Kardelj forgets that because of our political intransigence at the time we were under the dictatorship of the Soviet Union, we practically isolated ourselves from Italy and Austria; we alienated France, Scandinavia and Latin America; and today Britain and America regard us with the same suspicion with which they look upon other satellite countries. We must get out of this blind alley by the end of the year or Yugoslavia will be torn by civil war.

"It is foolish to spend countless dollars and pounds in an attempt to form Communist Parties abroad which are opposed to the Cominform. There is but one Communist Party and its facsimiles are nothing but substitutes for nationalism. We must not be under the illusion that tomorrow the West will look with benevolence upon this pseudo-Communism.

"Kardelj is only angry with me because I refused to form one of these marionette parties in the United States, based on remnants of the Wallace Party. Wallace himself, after making two pleas on our behalf with the Kremlin, is now convinced that the Soviets are determined to overthrow the present Yugoslav Government and to create, as soon as possible, a Balkan Federation which is destined, together with Czechoslovakia and Poland, to become an integral part of the Soviet Union. I have never been against reconciliation with the Soviets, but events have reached a point where this is no longer possible."

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